



# NORTH FORK RANCHERIA OF MONO INDIANS OF CALIFORNIA

## SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

### Meeting Minutes

#### I. Call to Order

**Tribal Chairperson Elaine Fink**, called to order the special meeting of the North Fork Rancheria at **9:02 a.m.** on **January 31, 2019** in North Fork, CA.

#### II. Moment of Silent Prayer

A moment of Silent Prayer was observed.

#### III. Roll Call

Tribal Secretary, Katrina Guitierrez conducted a roll call. The following Council members were present: Elaine Fink, Edward Polkenhorn, and Katrina Guitierrez. Maryann McGovran and Gary Walker were absent.

#### Staff present:

Gary Nicholes – CAO

Christina McDonald – EPD Director

Elisa Bendz – IT Director

#### IV. Approval of Meeting Agenda

*Secretary Guitierrez motioned to approve the agenda. Vice-Chairperson Polkenhorn seconded. Mc 3/0/0*

#### V. Approval of previous meeting minutes

The special meeting minutes of June 18, 2018 were tabled until completed by Treasurer McGovran.

*Secretary Guitierrez motioned to approve the special meeting minutes of January 17, 2019. Vice-Chairperson Polkenhorn seconded. Mc 3/0/0*

*Secretary Guitierrez motioned to approve the special meeting minutes of January 24, 2019. Vice-Chairperson Polkenhorn seconded. Mc 3/0/0*

#### VI. New Business

##### *a) CAO Gary Nicholes*

##### 1. IMLS Grant

Same item as #2.

##### 2. RFP – Sierra Mono Museum

By consensus, Tribal Council approved to submit the Museum Consulting Services request for proposals.

3. Record Access Request

By consensus, Tribal Council approved Tribal Citizen Bobby Hale's request for Election 2018 Resolutions. Tribal Citizen Jacquie Van Huss requested the approved Resolution for Tribal Council stipends. Tribal Council stated that the Resolution is still in draft form, however, the Resolution is on today's agenda for approval.

4. Tribal Court Assessment

Mr. Nicholes gave an update on the conference call that was held on January 30, 2019 and stated that consultants of the American Indian Development LLC will be coming out in early March for a site visit.

A consensus, was made by Tribal Council to lift the hiring freeze that was recently put in place due to the Government Shutdown.

**b) Christina McDonald – EPD Director**

1. EPD Structure

Ms. McDonald reported that a Committee Member has inquired several times about why the EPD and Cultural Committee are two separate components of the EPD Program. Ms. McDonald stated that she has explained that both Committees have separate by-laws and that the Cultural Committee falls under the Tribal Heritage Program within the EPD Department. Ms. McDonald recommended that the Tribal Council meet with the EPD Committee to clarify why the committees are different. Tribal Council will set a date.

2. YNP Letter

By consensus, Tribal Council approved the letter with the addition of the Park having a plan for government shutdowns in order to prevent the littering of waste, trash, etc. in the park during the shutdown.

3. Wellhead Protection Plan

Tribal Council will review for next meeting.

4. Willow Canyon ARPA

Ms. McDonald reported that the Court Hearing is continued so the prosecutor can conduct additional information and that Archeologist/Tribal Citizen, Gaylen Lee is drafting a letter for a Tribal Council Member to read at the hearing and another letter from a cultural point of view, which Mr. Lee will read himself.

**VII. Unfinished Business**

**a) Secretary Guitierrez**

1. By-laws

Chairperson Fink will send the final draft to Attorney, Christie Sojo for final approval and signature version.

2. Resolution No. 19-08 – M. Munoz

*Secretary Guitierrez motioned to adopt Resolution No. 19-08 A Resolution appointing Marsha Munoz to the Election Board of the North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians for an interim period effective December 2018. Vice-Chairperson Polkenhorn seconded. Mc 3/0/0*

3. Board of Commissioners.

By consensus, tribal council approved Bobby Hale, Richie Cline, and Shannon Wentworth for a four year-term.

**b) IT Director – Mike Colvard**

**1. NFR Website**

Ms. Bendz reported that she and Mike Colvard have met for the initial meeting of the website. Ms. Bendz stated that Mr. Colvard is ready to go and is hoping to someday be the overall media person for NFR. They will meet again and gather ideas and present to Tribal Council.

**2. NFR Newsletter**

Ms. Bendz inquired about the newsletter being available on website for those who prefer not to receive a hard copy and for those that would, a hard copy will be mailed.

**c) Vice-Chairperson Polkenhorn**

**1. California Indian Manpower Consortium**

Vice-Chairperson Polkenhorn stated that CIMC personnel is adamant about hiring a cook for a luncheon 3 times a week and that there is funding for a driver to be paid out of budget for the delivery of food, which CIMC can pay the insurance for a vehicle being used for the deliveries. Vice-Chairperson Polkenhorn stated that CIMC is requesting a meeting to go over the budget.

**2. New Council Member**

Vice-Chairperson Polkenhorn inquired about the Arrowhead Construction Office and whether NFR will be paying for it if the newly elected Council Member chooses to use it. A discussion was held regarding office space and that it is something to think about.

*Secretary Gutierrez motioned to go into executive session @ 9:58 a.m. Vice-Chairperson Polkenhorn seconded. Mc 3/0/0*

**VIII. Executive Session**

**a) Resolution No. 19-09 & 19-10**

*Secretary Gutierrez motioned to adopt Resolution No. 19-09 A Resolution deeming tribal citizen a trespasser at 56959 Kunugib Way, North Fork, California and removing the restricted access to two minor children. Vice-Chairperson Polkenhorn seconded. Mc 3/0/0*

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**b) Personnel**

A personnel issue was discussed.

*Secretary Gutierrez motioned to come out of executive session @ 11:06 a.m. Vice-Chairperson Polkenhorn seconded. Mc 3/0/0*

**IX. Mail / Travel**

**a) Golden Valley Chamber 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Crab Feed – 3/1/19**

*Secretary Gutierrez motioned to sponsor with a table of ten in the amount of \$500.00 and with a \$100.00 sponsor for logo on banner and on media brochures for a total amount of \$600.00. Vice-Chairperson Polkenhorn seconded. Mc 3/0/0*

X. Next Meeting - TBD

XI. Adjournment

*Secretary Guitierrez motioned to adjourn @ 11:09 a.m. Vice-Chairperson Polkenhorn seconded.  
Mc 3/0/0*

Minutes submitted by: **Katrina Guitierrez** – 02/06/19

### COUNCIL APPROVAL

At a meeting of the Tribal Council of the North Fork Rancheria, call and convened on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of **February, 2019**, at which a legal quorum was present, these minutes were approved as presented by a vote of **3 For 0 Against 1 Abstaining**.

DATED this **25<sup>th</sup>** day of **February, 2019**.

  
Katrina Guitierrez, Tribal Secretary

  
Judy E. Fink, Tribal Chairperson